

HOUSE BILL 1429

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to medical equipment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-226(a), is amended by deleting the language "The board shall establish by rule that a provider of home medical equipment services that has a principal place of business outside this state shall maintain an office or place of business within this state."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-226(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):

(2) The board shall establish by rule that:

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B), a provider of home medical equipment services that has a principal place of business outside this state shall maintain an office or place of business within this state; and

(B) A provider of home medical equipment services that has a principal place of business outside this state is not required to maintain an office or place of business within this state if the provider provides home medical equipment that is not available from a provider of home medical equipment services that has an office or place of business within this state.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.